

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17)
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☒ Specification

Total Sheets **48**

3. ☒ Formal Drawing(s)
(35 U.S.C. 113)

Total Sheets **4**

4. ☒ Oath or Declaration

Total Pages **4**

a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))
(for continuation / divisional w/ box 17 completed)

i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

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i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

ii. ☐ Paper

c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

8. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

9. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney

10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment w/Marked-up copy of amendments

13. ☒ White Advance Serial No. Postcard

14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

15. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

16. ☒ Other: Request for Priority

7. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below:

☒ Continuation

☐ Divisional

☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application no.: 09/190,264

Prior application information: Examiner: LAVILLA

Group Art Unit: 1775

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

18. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

☒ This application is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of application Serial No. 09/190,264 Filed on November 12, 1998, allowed.

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☐ This application claims priority of provisional application Serial No.

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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- ☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/190,264, filed November 12, 1998, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- ☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

| <u>COUNTRY</u> | <u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u> | <u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u> |
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| JAPAN | 9-309017 | NOVEMBER/11/1997 |
| JAPAN | 9-309023 | NOVEMBER/11/1997 |

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/190,264 filed November 12, 1998
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number .
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
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Respectfully Submitted,

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